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### **Health Department of Northwest Michigan COVID-19 Update**

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting 21 new confirmed cases in Antrim (1), Charlevoix (3), Emmet (13), and Otsego (4) counties. Case investigation and contact tracing are in progress, and relevant information will be shared when it is available.

Yesterday, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) released holiday [travel](#) and [celebration](#) guidance. Although this holiday season may look different than in years past, we at the health department along with MDHHS want to ensure that those who want to gather together to celebrate the holidays know how to do so safely. As we have seen a rise in cases in the past few weeks, we continue to urge residents to follow all safety precautions every day even when in your own community to stay healthy and prevent the spread of COVID-19.

“This is a time when we need to stick together – as a community, as a state, and as a nation. It seems as though there are new hurdles each day to face related to the pandemic. We are seeing a steady rise in cases and hospitalizations across the state, Dr. Khaldun noted that our current rate of 131 cases per million per day represents a rise of 80% compared to a month ago,” stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “As we approach fall holidays and celebrations, we must all be reminded that this virus is unpredictable, and the risks are personal for all of us. We need to continue to protect ourselves in order to protect our communities.”

Today we are reporting case investigation information for 22 confirmed COVID-19 cases. All 22 cases are being reported in our jurisdiction. The following information is from case investigations completed between October 20<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>.

- 22 of the 22 cases are primary residents
- Age:
  - 0-12 years – 1 case
  - 13-19 years – 2 cases
  - 20-29 years – 4 cases
  - 30-39 years- 4 cases
  - 40-49 years – 5 cases
  - 50-59 years – 3 cases
  - 60-69 years - 1 case
  - 70-79 years - 1 case
  - 80-89 years - 1 case
- Symptomatic: 18 cases; Asymptomatic: 4 cases
- 1 case linked to travel either into or out of the area as reported during their case investigation
- Over 52 total close contacts identified, notified, and instructed to quarantine

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- Public locations identified as potential exposure sites during case investigations were published yesterday, and can be found [here](#).

As of 4:00pm, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting:

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 96, Charlevoix – 127, Emmet – 192, Otsego – 198
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 60, Charlevoix – 87, Emmet – 128, Otsego – 143
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Charlevoix – 4, Emmet – 4, Otsego – 12.

The State of Michigan has reported 152,862 cases and 7,129 deaths.

Stay up to date on the latest information in the Health Department jurisdiction by [liking and following our Facebook page](#) and visiting our [COVID-19 Data Dashboard](#). To locate a testing facility, visit the [Michigan COVID-19 Test Finder website](#). To track the risk levels of COVID-19 pandemic indicators, visit the [MI Safe Start Map website](#).

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